

A. STATE-AT-A-GLANCE

1) Program Operation	State Operated
2) Number of Local Offices (excluding Agencies under Cooperative Agreements)	85
3) Type of Agencies with Cooperative Agreements	Florida Attorney General, State Attorney's Office, Dept. of Labor Employment & Security, and Sheriff's Departments
4) Uniform Interstate Family Support Act	No
5) Agreements With Tribal Entities	No
6) Age of Majority for Termination of Support	18, unless children are declared legally dependent beyond that age due to mental or physical disability or the court has otherwise ordered support to continue. May be court ordered beyond the age of 18, if the child is still in high school and will graduate prior to age 19.
7) Statutes of Limitation:	
• Collection of Past Due Support	None
• Paternity Establishment	4 years after the child's 18 birthday
Dormancy Revival/Renewal Possible [yes/no]	No
8) Guidelines	Income shares based on statutorily modified NJ formula
9) Interest Rates on	
• Missed Payments	No
• Retroactive Support	No
• Adjudicated Arrearage(Judgment of Arrearage)	Determined annually by the State Comptroller Section 55.03, Florida Statutes
10) Arrearage Collections for Non-minor Child(ren)	Yes, where the former physical custodian of the child applies for NA services
11) Distribution Scheme	
• AFDC Arrears	AFDC cases: first current support, second AFDC arrears, third NA arrears

• Non-AFDC Arrears	NA cases: first current support, second NA arrears, third AFDC arrears, except for IRS intercept which is applied to AFDC arrears first.
12) Procedures Regarding Medical Support Using Income Withholding	Yes, employer notified to enroll child & deduct cost from NCP wages.
13) New Hire Reporting	Yes
14) Recovery of Costs Elected Under State Plan	Yes, from obligor
15) Recovery of Costs for Initiating State	Yes
16) Long-Arm Statute/s Citation/s	Yes, Section 48.193, Florida Statutes
17) Automated Locate Resources	Dept. of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Unemployment Compensation, Division of Public Assistance Fraud, Dept. of Corrections, Dept. of Labor and Employment Security, Florida On-line Recipient Integrated Data Access (FLORIDA)
18) Enforcement Options	
• State Income Tax Refund Intercept	No, Florida does not have State Income Tax
-- License Revocation/ Suspension	Yes, Drivers, Business & Professional licenses Education certificate, Vehicle & Vessel registration
• Administrative Liens	No
• Property Seizure & Sale	Yes
• State Funds/Benefits (please specify)	Unemployment Comp. & Workers Comp.
• Other (please specify)	Lottery winnings
19) Spousal Maintenance Orders (specify yes or no)	
• Establish	No
• Enforce	Yes, in conjunction with a child support oblig.
• Modify	No
20) Current Spouse/Partner Information Required	No

B. UNIFORM INTERSTATE FAMILY SUPPORT ACT

1) State Code Citation	No
2) Effective Date	No
3) Adopted Verbatim? If no, list differences.	No
4) Repeal URESA?	No
5) Repeal IWW?	No

C. INCOME WITHHOLDING

1) Income Withholding Terminology	Income Deduction Order
2) Income Withholding Procedures	IDO issued at time of order to become effective immediately, or 30 days after delinquency if good cause is shown.
• State Withholding Limits	50% of disposable earnings if NCP has 2nd family; 60% if no 2nd family; additional 5% of either limit if arrearages are equal to 12 weeks or more in support payments. Same as Consumer Credit Reporting Act. Exception: if bonus received, we can attach it.
• Fee Charged by Employers	\$5.00 initial fee; \$2.00 each subsequent payment.
• Date to Remit	Within 2 days of each payday.
• Penalty	Payor liable for amount to be deducted, plus costs, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees.
3) Definition of Employer	Any person or agency providing income to the NCP
4) Included Income	Any form of payment to NCP regardless of source, including but not limited to wages, salary, commissions and bonuses, compensation as an independent contractor, workers' compensation benefits, disability benefits, annuity and retirement benefits, interest income, pensions, dividends, royalties and trust income.
5) Excluded Income	U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs disability benefits and Unemployment Compensation.
6) Direct Income Withholding for Unemployment Compensation, include address	No

7) Direct Income for Workers' Compensation, include address	No
8) Direct Income Withholding, other income sources subject to, include address	None
9) Direct Income Withholding, list Other Income Sources NOT subject to	Employers may be subject to direct income withholding.
10) Federal Withholding (See Federal Pay Agents Section)	IV-D Directors need not answer this question.
11) Procedures for Contesting Income Withholding	Petition the court. May only be contested based on the amount pursuant to an order, amount of arrearages, or identity of the obligor.
12) Arrearages through Income Withholding	Yes
13) Enforcing Against Non-Resident Obligor Asset/Income	Yes, provided the service of process, if required, can be obtained in this state.
14) Exception to Immediate Withholding	Yes. The court upon finding good cause may order the IDO to be effective upon a delinquency equal to one month's support.
15) Multiple Obligations Withholding Priorities	
• Policy	The court shall allocate amounts available for IDO's among all obligee families, Section 61.1301 Florida Statutes.
• Priority	Priority over all other legal processes under state law pertaining to the same income.
• Assistance	CSE case analyst assigned to the case.
• Allocation	Yes, in Title IV-D cases.

D. PATERNITY

1) Interstate Paternity Procedures	Florida accepts stipulated paternity, paternity by default, and in contested cases, by rebuttable presumption with the use of genetic testing. The NCP is contacted to obtain a voluntary acknowledgment of paternity and support or, the NCP is served and requested to voluntarily acknowledge paternity. The court must order genetic testing in contested cases; finding of paternity is based on stipulation or evidence presented; a rebuttable presumption of paternity is available if genetic tests show a probability of paternity of 95% or greater.
Consent Orders Obtained	Yes, voluntary acknowledge/stipulation sought

2) Uniform Parentage Act	No
3) Uniform Act on Blood Testing	No
4) Parentage Order Available Without Order for Support	Yes
5) Custody/Visitation Addressed Subject to Tribunal's Jurisdiction	No
6) Genetic Test Results as Presumption of Paternity	Yes, rebuttable presumption
Threshold	95% or greater
7) Paternity Acknowledgment as Presumption of Paternity (Rebuttable/Conclusive)	Rebuttable
8) Marriage as Presumption of Paternity	Yes
9) Putative Father's Name on Birth Certificate, Effect of	Putative father's name is included on birth certificate if father signs it at time of birth or within 6 months of birth; this does not establish paternity but may be used as evidence; once paternity is adjudicated or an acknowledgment filed is with the Office of Vital Statistics, the father's name will be placed on the birth certificate unless either party objects and the court concurs.
10) Other Statutory Presumptions	Husband is presumed to be the father if the child was conceived or born during the marriage.
11) Recognition of Common Law Marriage	No
12) Personal Appearance of Witness or Custodial Parent Required	No, not for interstate hearings.
Acceptable Methods of Testimony	Depositions to preserve testimony; prearranged teleconferencing is used upon judicial request; interrogatories; and affidavits.
13) Long-Arm Statute	Section 48.193, Florida Statutes
14) Assistance to Other States Using Their Long-Arm Statutes	
-- Service of Process	No
-- Genetic Testing	No
15) Recovery of Genetic Testing Costs for Other States	Yes

E. SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT

1) Interstate Procedures	Judicial
2) Income Considered for Setting Support	Income of legal parents is factored. (See C: 4, for definition of income, to include CP's income for this purpose.)
3) Criteria for Rebuttal	The judge may deviate 5% above or below guideline amount without stating a reason. Deviation greater than 5% requires the court record to include a written finding stating why the application of the guidelines is inappropriate.
4) Support Order for Prior Periods	Yes, depending on the jurisdiction and case specific information. Prior period may begin at the birth of the child, date of separation and/or date of filing case with the court. Criteria depends on jurisdictional requirements.

F. ENFORCEMENT

(Note: If multiple orders, see Part “G”)

I. ENFORCING YOUR OWN ORDER

1) Enforcement for Non-Resident Family	Same as for a resident family.
2) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available	Income deduction; driver's license and vehicle registration suspension; unemployment compensation benefit offset(as provided in the court order); lottery offset; and, reporting past due support to credit reporting agencies.
3) Judicial Procedures and Remedies Available with Registration	Contempt of court; execution of liens; garnishment; post security bond or guarantee; professional and business license and teaching certificate suspension and vessel registration suspension.

II. ENFORCING OTHER STATES' ORDERS

4) Administrative Procedures and Remedies Available Without Registration	Income deduction
5) Judicial/Administrative Remedies with Registration	All remedies allowed under Florida Statutes [see I. 2) -3)]
6) UIFSA/URESA Registration and Enforcement Procedure	Registration of a foreign order is accomplished under URESA, Chapter 88, Florida Statutes. The NCP is served with the intent to register notice by the Clerk of Court and has 20 days to respond. A hearing date is set to hear challenges and/or adopt the order. Enforcement of a registered order is allowed under Chapter 409, Florida Statutes, which provides the authority. Procedures for enforcement vary depending on the needs of the case.

7) Judicial Procedures Required after Registration	If the registered order does not include unemployment compensation benefits withholding language, modification is required prior to intercepting benefits.
8) Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act Citation	Yes, Section 55.501-55.509, Florida Statutes. Short title is: Florida Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act.

G. MODIFICATION/REVIEW & ADJUSTMENT OF ORDERS

1) Jurisdiction Requirements	Regardless of registration of a foreign order, the order can only be modified if permissible under the Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
2) Modification Procedures	CSE, will upon request of either parent, review child support orders. Included in this process is a review of the support obligation and medical support. In addition, AFDC, Title IV-E Foster Care and Non-AFDC Medicaid cases are reviewed on a 3 year cycle. When a support order is inconsistent with the guideline amount by 15% or \$50.00, which ever is greater, the modification process is enacted.
3) Criteria for Modification	If permissible, a change of 15% or \$50.00 of the support obligation, which every is greater based on criteria for change in circumstances.
4) Criteria for Change of Circumstances	Parent or child becomes permanently disabled, child has a chronic illness, child has special and/or recurring medical needs, financial needs of child have changed significantly, and/or earnings of obligor/obligee have changed to warrant a modification.
5) Frequency With Which Reviews are Conducted	Upon request by either parent; every 3 years in AFDC, Title IV-E, and Non-AFDC Medicaid cases.
6) Criteria for Review	Section 61.30, Florida Statutes to include G. 3) above
7) Criteria for Adjustment	See G. 3) - 4) above

H. MULTIPLE ORDERS

ENFORCEMENT AND MODIFICATION

1) Controlling Order	N/A
2) Date of Controlling Order	
3) If No Controlling Order	
4) Arrears Procedure	

I. Documentation Required to Initiate Requests

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each document	Certification required for each document *See below
Establishment of Paternity and Support	Interstate Transmittal form	1	E
	Certified copies of Uniform Support Petition	3	B
	Certified copies of Paternity Affidavit	3	B
	Certified copies of General Testimony	3	B
	Individually certified copies of the Certificate and Order	3	C
	Certified copies of the Affidavit of Arrearage	3	C
	Copy of Payment History	1	E
	Copies of URESA Laws of the Initiating State	3	E
	Certified copies of the Support Order/Modifications	3	C
Enforcement of Responding State's Order	By Interstate Transmittal requesting assistance to include identification of the Florida order..		
Modification of Responding States' Orders	Certified copies of Petition of Modification	3	B
	Certified copies of Financial Affidavit	3	B
	Statement from CP regarding changes in circumstances	1	B
Administrative Enforcement of Another States' Order	Would require registration		
Registration for Enforcement of Another States' Order	Interstate Transmittal Form	1	E

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
	Certified copies of Support Order/Modification Letter of Intent to Register or Summary of Case Facts Letter Certified copies of Affidavit of Arrears Copy of Payment History Copies of URESA Laws of the Initiating State	3 1 3 1 3	C E C E E
Collection of Arrearages in Multiple Orders	NA		
Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act	Florida Enforcement of Foreign Judgment Act is similar to UEFJA. Interstate Transmittal form Certified copies of the Foreign Judgment Certified copies of Affidavit of Arrearage Copy of Payment History Copies of URESA laws of the Initiating State Copy of Affidavit of Obligor's Last Known Address	1 3 3 3 1 3 1	E C C E B E
Modification of Another State's Order	NA		
Status Update on an Existing Interstate Case	Interstate Transmittal form or status request	1	E

ACTION REQUESTED	DOCUMENTS NEEDED	# of Copies of each docu- ment	Certifi- cation required for each docu- ment *See below
Assistance/Discovery	Interstate Transmittal form or letter requesting type of assistance needed	1	E
Quick Locate	Quick Locate Data form	1	E

**A= Notarization by Notary Public; B= Certification by signature of agency official;
C= Certification by signature of court official; D= Others (please specify);
E= Certification not required*

J. State Contact Chart

ASSISTANCE NEEDED	CONTACT Name, Title, Address, Phone, Fax, E-mail (include 800 if applicable)
State Information Agent	<p>Nancy Hoppe, Senior Human Services Program Specialist</p> <p>Department of Revenue</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement Program</p> <p>State Information Agent</p> <p>P. O. Box 8030</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL 32314-8030</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922-9564 FAX: (904) 921-5727</p>
Central Registry	<p>FOR PETITION AND STATUS REQUESTS ONLY</p> <p>CONTACT:</p> <p>Department of Revenue</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement Program</p> <p>Central Registry</p> <p>P. O. Box 8030</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL 32314-8030</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922-9555 General Number</p> <p>FAX: (904) 921-5727</p> <p>FOR SPECIFIC CASE PROBLEMS CONTACT THE LOCAL CASE ANALYST ASSIGNED TO THE CASE. LOCAL CASE ANALYST MUST BE CONTACTED FIRST.</p> <p>If resolution to case problem is not solved at the local level .</p> <p>CONTACT:</p> <p>Non Financial Customer Assistance Unit</p> <p>same address as above</p> <p>TEL: (904) 414 2282 General Number</p> <p>FAX: (904) 921-5727</p>

Interstate Policy Contact (if different)	<p>Patterson Miller</p> <p>Management Review Specialist</p> <p>Department of Revenue</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement Program</p> <p>P. O. Box 8030</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL 32314-8030</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922-9715 FAX: (904) 488-4401</p>
Contact for Information Regarding Your States Long Arm Statute and Process	<p>Patterson Miller</p> <p>same as above</p>
Contact for Information Regarding Collection and Distribution (State level)	<p>FOR STATE POLICY AND PROBLEMS WHICH CONCERN TOTAL DISTRIBUTION PROCESS ONLY. CONTACT</p> <p>Operations Process Manager</p> <p>(Vacant)</p> <p>address same as above</p> <p>TEL: FAX:</p>
Contact to Obtain Payment Records	Case Analyst assigned to the case at the local level
Contact to Obtain Copy of Order	Case Analyst assigned to the case at the local level
Contact for States Using Their Long Arm Statutes or Continuing Exclusive Jurisdiction (no “case” in your State) for	<p>Patterson Miller</p> <p>Management Review Specialist</p> <p>address same as above</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922-9715 FAX: (904) 488-4401</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service of Process <p>(private process server? If so , list)</p>	Case analyst assigned to the case at the local level
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetic Testing <p>(e.g. assistance with interstate teleconferencing)</p>	<p>David Donaldson</p> <p>Management Review Specialist</p> <p>Department of Revenue</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement Program</p>

	<p>P. O. Box 8030</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL 32314-8030</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922- 9561 FAX: (904) 488-4401</p> <p>Each region office has a genetic testing coordinator to assist with case specific issues.</p>
New Hire Reporting Contact	<p>Calvin Melton</p> <p>Special Projects Coordinator</p> <p>Department of Revenue</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement Program</p> <p>P. O. Box 8030</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL 32314-8030</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922-9547 FAX: (904) 488-4401</p>
Employer Assistance Contact	Case analyst assigned to the case at the local level
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Status</i> Requests (if any)	NA
Telephone Number for Automated Interstate Case <i>Payment</i> Requests (if any)	NA
Privatization Contact	<p>Clyde Johnson</p> <p>Operations & Management Consultant Manager</p> <p>Department of Revenue</p> <p>Child Support Enforcement Program</p> <p>P. O. Box 8030</p> <p>Tallahassee, FL 32314-8030</p> <p>TEL: (904) 922-9573 FAX: (904) 488-4401</p>